



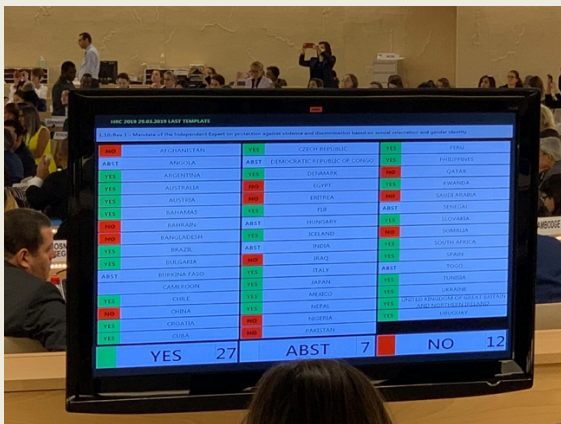
Info Note on UN Special Procedures: Calls for input and upcoming country visits

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Calls for input: Business enterprises; Development; Disability; Environment; Foreign debt; Hazardous substances and wastes; Violence against women; Water and sanitation

Upcoming Country Visits: Brazil; Bulgaria; Ecuador; Gambia; Greece; Honduras; Hungary; Malaysia; Mongolia; Nigeria; Norway; Peru; Qatar; South Africa; Somalia; Spain; Sri Lanka; Switzerland; Thailand; Uzbekistan

RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF THE INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON SOGI



The results of the vote confirming the renewal of the mandate

On July 12, 2019, in a defining vote, the United Nations Human Rights Council adopted a **resolution to renew the mandate of the Independent Expert focusing on the protection against violence and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.**


The resolution was adopted by a vote of 27 in favour, with 12 voting against and 7 abstentions.

The campaign calling on the Council to renew the mandate of the UN Independent Expert on SOGI was supported by 1,312 non-governmental organizations from 174 States and territories.

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CALLS FOR INPUT

Mandate	Call	Deadline	Additional Info
Independent Expert on foreign debt	 Call for contributions: Private debt and human rights (thematic report to the 43 rd HRC in Mar 2019)	31 Jul 2019	Read more: EN FR ES
NEW! Independent Expert on foreign debt	Call for input: Country visit to Mongolia (2-11 Sep 2019)	31 July 2019	Read more
Special Rapporteur on the environment	Call for input: Country visit to Norway (12-23 Sep 2019)	31 Jul 2019	Read more Questionnaire
Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities	Call for submissions: Good practices on effective access to justice for persons with disabilities	15 Aug 2019	Read more Questionnaire: EN FR ES
NEW! Working Group on business and human rights	Call for inputs to inform the two-day global consultation on the role of NHRIs in facilitating access to effective remedy for business-related human rights abuses (10-11 Oct 2019, Geneva)	15 Aug 2019	Read more Questionnaire: EN FR ES
Special Rapporteur on the right to development	Call for submissions: Country visit to Switzerland (23 Sep-2 Oct 2019)	31 Aug 2019	Read more: EN FR
NEW! Special Rapporteur on water and sanitation	Third Human Rights Youth Challenge: inviting young (24 to 32 y.o.) supporters of the human rights to water and sanitation to submit an essay on a case study that assesses an experience of private sector participation in the water and sanitation sector	2 Sep 2019	Read more
NEW! Special Rapporteur on hazardous substances and wastes	Call for submissions: Country visit to Brazil (2-13 Dec 2019)	15 Sep 2019	Read more
NEW!  Special Rapporteur on violence against women	Call for submissions: Country visit to Bulgaria (14-21 Oct 2019)	30 Sep 2019	Read more

 = Requests information on LGBTI persons.

COUNTRY VISITS BY THE INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON SOGI



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The UN Independent Expert on SOGI, Victor Madrigal-Borloz, undertakes 1 to 3 fact-finding country visits per year.

In **2019**, he is visiting **Ukraine** and **Sri Lanka**.

In **2018**, he visited **Georgia** and **Mozambique**.

In **2017**, his predecessor Prof. Vitit Muntarbhorn visited **Argentina**.

In March 2018, Victor Madrigal-Borloz made **12 country visit requests**, and in this section you may find information about current status of the requests. Additionally, on 4 July 2018 **Malta** invited the Independent Expert to visit their country.

If you wish to engage with ILGA with regard to the Independent Expert's visit to your country, please contact us (kseiniya@ilga.org).





















Country	Current Status
Argentina*	<i>Visit conducted on 1-10 Mar 2017.</i> End of Mission Statement: English – Spanish Press Release: English – Spanish Country visit report: E / F / S / A / C / R
Armenia*	Request to postpone (17 April 2018)
Burkina Faso	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
Cambodia	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
Georgia*	<i>Visit conducted on 25 Sep to 5 Oct 2018.</i> End of Mission Statement: English – Georgian Press Release: English – Georgian Country visit report: E / F / S / A / C / R
Ghana*	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
Kenya*	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
Malta*	Invitation Country Visit (4 Jul 2018)
Nepal	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
Mozambique*	<i>Visit conducted on 3-10 Dec 2018.</i> End of Mission Statement: English – Portuguese Press Release: English – Portuguese Country visit report: E / F / S / A / C / R
Poland*	Request to postpone (15 May 2018)
Sri Lanka*	<i>Visit postponed to 28 Oct to 8 Nov 2019.</i> Background note
Thailand*	Visit request (26 Mar 2018)
Ukraine*	<i>Visit conducted on 30 Apr to 10 May 2019.</i> End of Mission Statement: English Press Release: English – Russian


* Countries with standing invitations. A standing invitation is an open invitation extended by a Government to all thematic special procedures. By extending a standing invitation States announce that they will always accept requests to visit from all special procedures.

UPCOMING COUNTRY VISITS BY OTHER MANDATES

This information is regularly updated by the OHCHR [here](#).

To find out how you can support the visits, please contact the respective mandate-holders at their e-mail addresses, available [here](#).

Country	Mandate	Dates
NEW! Thailand and Malaysia	HR in Myanmar	8-18 Jul 2019
Hungary	Migrants	10-17 Jul 2019
Sri Lanka	 Freedom of assembly and association 	15-26 Jul 2019
NEW! Somalia	HR in Somalia	15-26 Jul 2019
Malaysia	 Extreme poverty 	12-22 Aug 2019
Sri Lanka	 Freedom of religion 	15-24 Aug 2019
Honduras	Independence of judges and lawyers	16-22 Aug 2019
Honduras	Business	19-28 Aug 2019
Mongolia	Foreign debt	2-11 Sep 2019
Norway	Environment	12-23 Sep 2019
South Africa	Albinism	16-26 Sep 2019
Ecuador	 Health 	17-26 Sep 2019
Nigeria	 Housing 	17-26 Sep 2019
NEW! Uzbekistan	Independence of judges and lawyers	19-26 Sep 2019
Switzerland	Development	23 Sep - 2 Oct 2019
Norway	Disability	2-11 Oct 2019
Gambia	 Sale and sexual exploitation of children 	21-29 Oct 2019
NEW! Bulgaria	 Violence against women 	14-21 Oct 2019
Qatar	Arbitrary detention	3-14 Nov 2019
Qatar	 Racism 	24 Nov - 1 Dec 2019
Brazil	Toxic waste	2-13 Dec 2019
Greece	Arbitrary detention	2-13 Dec 2019
Qatar	Education	8-16 Dec 2019
Qatar	Slavery	13-20 Jan 2020
NEW! Peru	 Human rights defenders 	21 Jan - 7 Feb 2020
Spain	 Extreme poverty 	27 Jan - 7 Feb 2020

 = Mandate frequently considers LGBTI issues.